

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Advisory Action mailed September 29, 2005. Through this response, claims 29, 32-35, 38-44, and 46-48 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims 20 and 23-28 are respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 20 and 23-28 are allowable over the art of record. In that it is believed that every rejection has been overcome or rendered moot, it is submitted that each of the claims that remains in the present case is presently in condition for allowance.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 20, 32, and 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Davis et al.* ("Davis," U.S. Pat. No. 6,701,449), in view of *Talagala et al.* ("Talagala," U.S. Pat. No. 6,732,289), and in further view of *DeKoning et al.* ("DeKoning," U.S. Pat. No. 5,588,110) and *Duso et al.* ("Duso," U.S. Pat. No. 5,987,621). Claim 34 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Davis* in view of *Talagala*. Claim 48 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Davis* in view of *Talagala*, and in further view of *Duso*. Claims 35 and 38-44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Davis* in view of *Talagala* and *DeKoning*. Claims 46 and 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Davis* in view of *Judd et al.* ("Judd," U.S. Pat. No. 5,768,623). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, but in the

interest of expediting issuance of the allowed claims, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims, and has thus rendered the rejection moot. Because claims 20 and 23-28 remain and have been deemed allowable, and claims 1-19, 21-22, and 29-48 have been canceled, Applicant respectfully submits that the case is in condition for allowance.

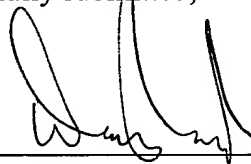
III. Canceled Claims

As identified above, claims 29, 32-35, 38-44 and 46-48 have been canceled from the application through this Response without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections and objections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 20 and 23-28 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Rodack', is written over a horizontal line.

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